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COUNTRY

Greece

Re-publication of Nea Dimokratia

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REFERENCES

- - 1. The Nea Dimokratia, Athens newspaper of John Palaskas, is scheduled to be published again soon with the same type of "special" articles. For this purpose Palaskas is reportedly trying to gather derogatory information to attack Sophocles Venizelos, John Moatsos, General Nicholas Plastiras and their circle. Offices of the newspaper have already been rented in Room Nos. 48 and 49 in the Pesmatzoglou Building. It will circulate first as a weekly and then as a daily, provided, of course, its circulation continues to be allowed.
 - 2. Another avowed purpose of the newspaper will be to develop a new political field with "healthy democratic principles."

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1. Comment: Source states that the <u>Nea Dimokratia</u> appeared for one day on 19 October 1952 containing an article against Venizelos which "revealed his dirty linen." Palaskas was immediately arrested on libel charges and the newspaper was closed down.

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